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D (Not For Domestic Relations Cases) Form ARCiv-93 Rev. 9/18 1 **GENERAL INFORMATION** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA CHRISTINA MARTIN ET AL v. 3M COMPANY, INC. ET AL First Plaintiff: Business ✓ Individual First Defendant: ✓ Business Individual Government Other Government Other NATURE OF SUIT: Select primary cause of action, by checking box (check only one) that best characterizes your action: **TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY** OTHER CIVIL FILINGS (cont'd) WDEA - Wrongful Death MSXX - Birth/Death Certificate Modification/Bond Forfeiture Appeal/ Enforcement of Agency Subpoena/Petition to Preserve ☐ TONG - Negligence: General CVRT - Civil Rights TOMV - Negligence: Motor Vehicle COND - Condemnation/Eminent Domain/Right-of-Way ▼ TOWA - Wantonness CTMP - Contempt of Court TOPL - Product Liability/AEMLD CONT - Contract/Ejectment/Writ of Seizure TOMM - Malpractice-Medical TOCN - Conversion TOLM - Malpractice-Legal ☐ EQND - Equity Non-Damages Actions/Declaratory Judgment/ ☐ TOOM - Malpractice-Other Injunction Election Contest/Quiet Title/Sale For Division ☐ TBFM - Fraud/Bad Faith/Misrepresentation CVUD - Eviction Appeal/Unlawful Detainer TOXX - Other: FORJ - Foreign Judgment FORF - Fruits of Crime Forfeiture **TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY** MSHC - Habeas Corpus/Extraordinary Writ/Mandamus/Prohibition TOPE - Personal Property PFAB - Protection From Abuse TORE - Real Properly EPFA - Elder Protection From Abuse QTLB - Quiet Title Land Bank OTHER CIVIL FILINGS ☐ FELA - Railroad/Seaman (FELA) ABAN - Abandoned Automobile RPRO - Real Property ☐ ACCT - Account & Nonmortgage WTEG - Will/Trust/Estate/Guardianship/Conservatorship APAA - Administrative Agency Appeal COMP - Workers' Compensation ADPA - Administrative Procedure Act CVXX - Miscellaneous Circuit Civil Case ANPS - Adults in Need of Protective Service **APPEAL FROM ORIGIN: F ✓ INITIAL FILING** O OTHER **DISTRICT COURT** TRANSFERRED FROM R REMANDED OTHER CIRCUIT COURT Note: Checking "Yes" does not constitute a demand for a HAS JURY TRIAL BEEN DEMANDED? ✓ YES NO jury trial. (See Rules 38 and 39, Ala.R.Civ.P, for procedure) **RELIEF REQUESTED: ▼**MONETARY AWARD REQUESTED NO MONETARY AWARD REQUESTED **ATTORNEY CODE: RAN022** 11/12/2024 1:17:20 PM /s/ Christopher S. Randolph JR. Signature of Attorney/Party filing this form **MEDIATION REQUESTED: YES** ✓ NO UNDECIDED YES NO Election to Proceed under the Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CHRISTINA MARTIN; ANNIE)
FITZGERALD; ABIGAIL VEST; and)
DORIS J. HOVATER,)
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Plaintiffs)
v.)
	,)
3M COMPANY, INC.; TORAY)
FLUOROFIBERS (AMERICA), INC.;)
DAIKIN AMERICA, INC.; FICTITIOUS)
DEFENDANTS A, B, and C , intending to	
refer to the entities described herein as)
"3M;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS D, E,)
and F, intending to refer to the entities)
described herein as "Toray;" FICTITIOUS)
DEFENDANTS G, H, and I , intending to)
refer to the entities described herein as)
"Dyneon;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS) Case No
J, K, and L, intending to refer to the)
successors to Dyneon, LLC; FICTITIOUS)
DEFENDANTS M, N, and O , intending to) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
refer to the entities described herein as)
"Daikin;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS P,)
Q, and R, intending to refer to the)
individuals or entities that produced PFOA)
or PFOS; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS S,)
T, and U, intending to refer to the)
individuals or entities that negligently or)
wantonly disposed of PFOA or PFOS;)
FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS V, W, and)
X , intending to refer to the individuals or)
entities that negligently or wantonly stored)
PFOA or PFOS; FICTITIOUS)
DEFENDANTS Y, Z, and AA , intending to)
refer to the individuals or entities that	
negligently or wantonly transported PFOA or	
PFOS; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS BB,	
CC, and DD, intending to refer to the)
individuals or entities that negligently or)
wantonly handled PFOA or PFOS;)
FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS EE, FF,)
and GG, intending to refer to the individuals)
or entities who allowed PFOA or PFOS to)

contaminate ground or surface water in)
Alabama counties that border the Tennessee)
River; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS HH,)
II, and JJ, intending to refer to the)
individuals who worked for 3M whose)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface)
water; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS KK,)
LL, and MM, intending to refer to the)
individuals who worked for Daikin whose)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface)
water; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS NN,)
OO, and PP, intending to refer to the)
individuals who worked for Toray whose)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface)
water. Plaintiffs aver that the identities of the)
Fictitious Defendants are unknown at this)
time but will be added by amendment or)
substitution when ascertained,)
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Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

Christina Martin; Annie Fitzgerald; Abigail Vest; and Doris J. Hovater (collectively, "Plaintiffs") sue 3M Company, Inc., Daikin America, Inc., Toray Fluorofibers (America), Inc., and various fictitious party defendants (collectively "Defendants"), and allege upon information and belief as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. 3M, Daikin, and Toray operate manufacturing facilities located on the Tennessee River in Decatur, Alabama. For decades, these facilities have discharged toxic PFAS chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, into the Tennessee River and the surrounding environment.
- 2. PFAS chemicals are highly toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. When humans ingest PFAS chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, these chemicals bind to proteins in the blood and

are readily absorbed and distributed throughout the body. These toxic chemicals remain and persist in the body for long periods of time. They accumulate over time and cause long-term, physiologic alterations to the blood, liver, prostates, immune systems, and other organs.

- 3. Exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and related PFAS chemicals causes many diseases including, among others, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, liver cancer, testicular tumors, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, breast cancer, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, and infertility.
- 4. Since the 1970s, 3M has known that PFAS chemicals accumulate in the human body and are potentially toxic to human health. But 3M did nothing to limit the release of these chemicals into the environment in Decatur. Instead, 3M told the public that PFOS was not a threat to human health or the environment.
- 5. Similarly, Toray and Daikin knew for years about the risks PFAS poses to human health. Toray and Daikin continued to release PFOA into the environment anyway.
- 6. The EPA recently declared that PFOA and PFOS are likely carcinogens and published a lifetime health advisory level for PFOA and PFAS that is below the level where PFOS or PFOA can be detected in water. The EPA has also proposed setting a maximum containment level for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The EPA stated that it anticipated that implementation of that standard would prevent "tens of thousands" of illnesses and deaths.
- 7. Much of the PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals discharged by the Defendants ended up in the Tennessee River and in Plaintiffs' drinking water. Historically this water has had concentrations of PFOA and PFOS that far exceed 4.0 ppt.
 - 8. Plaintiffs are long-time residents of North Alabama. They have unknowingly

ingested water contaminated with dangerous levels of the PFAS chemicals released by Defendants.

- 9. As a result, Plaintiffs have contracted diseases, including thyroid cancer, caused by their exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals.
- 10. This action seeks damages and other relief from the Defendants for the injuries caused by their negligent, willful, and wanton conduct.¹

PARTIES

- 11. Plaintiffs are citizens of Alabama. Plaintiffs were regularly exposed to PFAS that was released by Defendants.
- 12. Plaintiffs were diagnosed with diseases, including thyroid cancer, as a result of their exposure to the PFAS chemicals released into the environment by Defendants.
- 13. Defendant 3M Company, Inc. ("3M") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Minnesota. Its agent for service of process is Corporation Service Company, Inc., 641 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.
- 14. Defendant Toray Fluorofibers (America), Inc. ("Toray"), f/k/a Toray Advanced Fibers (America), Inc., is an Alabama corporation with its principal place of business in Morgan County, Alabama. Its agent for service of process is M. Edward Jamieson, 2032 Highway 20, Decatur, Alabama 35601.
- 15. Defendant Daikin America, Inc. ("Daikin") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York. Its agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, 2 North Jackson Street, Suite 605, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Plaintiffs do not contend that they suffered any damages arising from or associated with aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) manufacture, use, and/or disposal. Plaintiffs expressly disclaim that they have suffered any damages arising from or associated with AFFF manufacture, use, and/or disposal by any of the named defendants or any other entities.

- 16. Fictitious Defendants A, B, and C, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "3M."
- 17. Fictitious Defendants D, E, and F, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Toray."
- 18. Fictitious Defendants G, H, and I, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Dyneon."
- 19. Fictitious Defendants J, K, and L, whose identities are not currently known, are the successors to Dyneon, LLC.
- 20. Fictitious Defendants M, N, and O, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Daikin."
- 21. Fictitious Defendants P, Q, and R, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that produced PFOA or PFOS.
- 22. Fictitious Defendants S, T, and U, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly disposed of PFOA or PFOS.
- 23. Fictitious Defendants V, W, and X, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly stored PFOA or PFOS.
- 24. Fictitious Defendants Y, Z, and AA, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly transported PFOA or PFOS.
- 25. Fictitious Defendants BB, CC, and DD, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly handled PFOA or PFOS.
- 26. Fictitious Defendants EE, FF, and GG, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities who allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water in Alabama counties that border the Tennessee River.

27. Fictitious Defendants HH, II, and JJ, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for 3M whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.

- 28. Fictitious Defendants KK, LL, and MM, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for Daikin whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.
- 29. Fictitious Defendants NN, OO, and PP, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for Toray whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.
- 30. All named and fictitious defendants are referred to collectively herein as "Defendants."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 31. This civil action is within the subject matter jurisdiction of this Court because the amount in controversy exceeds \$20,000. *See* Ala. Code § 12-11-30(1). All claims asserted herein arise under state law; Plaintiffs are not asserting any federal cause of action.
- 32. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the named defendants. Toray is an Alabama corporation and is thus subject to general personal jurisdiction in Alabama. 3M, Toray, and Daikin committed in Alabama the tortious acts described herein. Plaintiffs were exposed in Alabama to PFAS chemicals including PFOA and PFOS that originated from 3M, Toray, and Daikin's facilities in Alabama.
- 33. Venue is proper in this Court. This action arises out of acts or omissions that occurred in Morgan County.

FACTS

PFOA and PFOS are fully fluorinated organic compounds.

- 34. Per- and polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of chemicals that contain carbon-fluorine bonds and that repel oil and water, have a low coefficient of friction, and have a high temperature resistance. Because of those qualities, PFAS has been used in a variety of products, such as non-stick cookware, Scotchgard, bushings and bearings, and Gore-Tex.
- 35. The PFAS family of chemicals are entirely human made and do not naturally occur or otherwise exist.
- 36. PFAS include, but are not limited to, perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA"), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid ("PFOS"), and related chemicals, including those that degrade to PFOA and/or PFOS.
- 37. Two of the most prominent types of PFAS are PFOA and PFOS. PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid [C₈HF₁₅O₂]) is a fully fluorinated, eight-carbon chain carboxylic acid. PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid [C₈F₁₇SO₃H]) is a fully fluorinated, eight chain sulfonic acid. Sometimes PFOA and PFOS are called C8 chemicals.
- 38. PFOA and PFOS have been used in a variety of consumer and industrial products—from Scotchgard, to protective apparel, to bearings and bushings—due to their ability to repel water and their resistance to degradation.

PFOA and PFOS are not biodegradable and bioaccumulate.

39. Carbon-fluorine bonds are among the strongest bonds in organic chemistry. The strength of those chemical bonds enables fully fluorinated hydrocarbons such as PFOA and PFOS to withstand high temperatures and resist degradation from acids, alkalis, oxidizing agents, and photolysis.

- 40. But that resistance to degradation means that PFAS substances like PFOA and PFOS will persist in the environment and can accumulate in the tissue of animals and humans.
- 41. PFAS, such as PFOA and PFOS, are pollutants under the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code § 22-22-1, *et seq.*, and the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code § 22-28-1, *et seq.*²

3M produced PFOA and PFOS in Decatur, and Toray and Daikin similarly used PFOA in Decatur.

- 42. 3M was the sole producer of PFOS in the United States.
- 43. 3M has operated a chemical plant in Decatur, Alabama, since 1961 where it has produced Scotchgard, among other products.
- 44. 3M's Decatur plant produced perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride, a chemical that degrades to or metabolizes to PFOS.
 - 45. PFOA is a byproduct of perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride production.
 - 46. 3M also began manufacturing PFOA at its Decatur plant in 1998.
- 47. Dyneon, LLC, a 3M subsidiary, produced PFAS at the site of 3M's Decatur plant beginning in the late 1990s.
- 48. Dyneon, LLC has since merged into 3M and continues to operate within 3M's Advanced Materials Division.
- 49. 3M was not the only source of PFOA in the Decatur area. Toray operates a plant in Decatur where, for years, it used PFOA in manufacturing products such as oil- and water-repellant textiles.
 - 50. Daikin also operates a plant in Decatur where it manufactured PFOA and further

 $^{^2}$ See In the Matter of 3M Company, Inc., Ala. Dep't of Envtl. Mgmt., Consent Order No. 20-086-CWP/AP/GW/HW/DW/SW \P 8 (July 24, 2020).

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manufactured other products that used PFOA as a raw material.

3M has long known that PFAS contaminates the environment and causes disease yet hid that information from the public for years.

51. 3M has known for decades that PFOA and PFOS are hazardous and can accumulate

in water supplies.

52. 3M has also long known that fluorochemicals like PFAS can accumulate in the

blood of those who are exposed to those chemicals. In 1976, 3M observed that "Decatur personnel

exposed to fluorochemicals have up to 300 times 'normal' levels of organically bound fluorine in

their blood."

53. 3M has known that PFOA, PFOS, and related chemicals are toxic since at least the

1970s. For instance, a 1979 3M study of the effects of fluorochemical compounds on Rhesus

monkeys was terminated after 20 days because all of the monkeys, at all dosage levels, died as a

result of exposure to fluorochemicals. It was not until 21 years later, in March 2000, that 3M told

the public that a "new study" of the effects of these compounds on Rhesus monkeys is part of the

reason 3M pulled one of its consumer products, Scotchgard, off the market. In 1983, a team of 3M

toxicologists recommended broad testing regarding the effects of 3M's fluorochemicals on the

environment and human beings.

54. In 1983, 3M acknowledged in an internal report that "[i]n the case of

fluorochemicals, structural considerations and test results to date give rise to concern for

environmental safety" and "give rise to questions about the persistence, accumulation potential,

and ecotoxicity of fluorochemicals in the environment."³

55. In the 1990s, 3M's manager of corporate toxicology said that 3M should replace

³ https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1282.pdf

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- By the late 1990s, 3M performed additional testing that indicated that PFOA caused 56. testicular, liver, and pancreatic cancer in rats.
- 57. Despite knowing that PFAS substances are not biodegradable, 3M publicly stated otherwise. Acknowledging that misrepresentation, a 3M employee wrote in internal memo in 1988 that "I don't think it is in 3M's long-term interest to perpetuate the myth that these fluorochemical surfactants are biodegradable. . . . "
- Between the 1970s and 1990s, 3M conducted over 1,000 studies on the potential 58. properties and effects of PFOS, PFOA, and related products on human health and the environment that it was required to disclose to the EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act. 3M, however, only provided the EPA 84 of those studies prior to 1998. The EPA fined 3M \$1.5 million for failing to timely disclose those studies.

Toray and Daikin knew or should have known of the dangers that PFOA presents.

- 59. Toray and Daikin similarly knew, or should have known, of the dangers that PFOA presents.
- 60. As early as 2003, Daikin was a member of a Fluoropolymer Manufacturers Group working with the EPA on its concerns related to PFOA.
- 61. Toray and Daikin knew, or should have known, that substances such as PFOA, that contain fluorine-carbon bonds resist degradation.
- 62. Published research studies that were available to Toray and Daikin noted a relationship between illnesses such as prostate, bladder, and prostate cancer and PFOA exposure.

⁴ https://minnesotareformer.com/2022/12/15/toxic-3m-knew-its-chemicals-were-harmfuldecades-ago-but-didnt-tell-the-public-government/

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See, e.g., Christopher Lau, et al., "Perfluoroakkyl Acids: A Review of Monitoring and Toxicological Findings," 99 Toxicological Studies 366 (2007).

- 63. The EPA, concerned about the dangers of PFOA, further announced a PFOA stewardship program in 2006 which aimed to phase out the use of PFOA.
- 64. Yet Toray and Daikin continued to use (and, in the case of Daikin, manufacture) PFOA in Decatur, even after publication of those studies and after the announcement of EPA's efforts to end PFOA use.

PFOA and PFOS exposure is linked to several types of cancer and other illnesses.

- 65. As the Defendants have long known, PFAS chemicals are associated with a wide variety of adverse health effects in humans.
- 66. Exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals has been linked to serious medical conditions including, but not limited to, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, liver cancer, testicular tumors, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, and infertility.
- 67. The C8 Science Panel investigated the health effects of PFOA exposure on individuals living near a West Virginia plant. In one of the largest domestic epidemiological studies ever, the Science Panel collected blood samples and medical records from 69,000 participants. The Science Panel found probable links between PFOA exposure and several illnesses, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, thyroid disease, and ulcerative colitis.⁵
- 68. A mortality study of workers at a DuPont plant that produced PFOA found that prostate cancer mortality was nearly doubled when compared to other DuPont workers in the

⁵ See In re E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. C-8 Personal Injury Litig., 54 F. 4th 912 (6th Cir. 2022).

region.

69. The American Cancer Society notes that studies have suggested that exposure to PFOA is associated with liver, testicular, breast, prostate, bladder, and pancreatic cancer.⁶

70. The EPA has further noted the PFOA and PFOS exposure may cause certain diseases:

[S]tudies indicate that exposure to PFOA and PFOS over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g. low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations), cancer (e.g., testicular, prostate), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g. antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes).⁷

71. In 2023, the EPA concluded that "the evidence supporting the carcinogenicity of PFOA has been strengthened by additional published studies" and cited multiple studies associating PFOA exposure with prostate and testicular cancer.⁸ The EPA further concluded that "[t]he available epidemiology studies reported elevated risk of bladder, prostate, and breast cancers after chronic PFOS exposure."⁹

- 72. The EPA further declared in 2023 that it "has determined that PFOA and PFOS are likely to cause cancer (e.g. prostate and liver cancer) and that there is no dose below which either chemical is considered safe."¹⁰
- 73. The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer recently determined that PFOA is carcinogenic to humans.

 $^{^6\,}https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/chemicals/teflon-and-perfluorooctanoic-acid-pfoa.html$

⁷ EPA Fact Sheet – PFOA & PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories, https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-

 $^{06/}documents/drinking water health advisories_p foa_p fos_up dated_5.31.16.pd f$

⁸ See 88 FR 18656.

⁹ *Id*. at 18660.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 18639.

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PFOA and PFOS can enter water supplies.

74. Toxic PFAS chemicals can enter water, including groundwater, after being released

from industrial facilities that use or produce PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals. PFOA,

PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals can also leach into groundwater from sites where those

chemicals were disposed.

75. PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals are not removed from municipal water

supplies through conventional water filtration and purification methods.

Individuals can absorb PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals from drinking 76.

water contaminated with those substances.

77. The EPA has determined that drinking water can be a source of exposure to PFOA

and PFOS in communities where PFOA and PFOS have contaminated water supplies. 11

The 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants contaminated water supplies in North Alabama.

78. The EPA has identified the 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants as sources of PFAS found

in North Alabama's water supply.

79. 3M understood that wastewater from its Decatur plant contained PFAS. In the

1970s, 3M found fluorochemicals in bluegill fish exposed to effluent discharged into the

Tennessee River from the Decatur plant. 3M conducted tests in 1980 that showed that wastewater

from its Decatur plant was contaminated with fluorine-containing organics.¹² Years later, 3M, in

an e-mail with the subject line "Accumulation and Disposal of Waste Water at Decatur," wrote

that "we must begin to capture and incinerate the waste water process streams containing residuals

11 https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-

06/documents/drinkingwaterhealthadvisories_pfoa_pfos_updated_5.31.16.pdf

12 https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1233.pdf

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as soon as possible."¹³

80. In a 1983 report, 3M acknowledged that "fluorochemicals entering the Tennessee River in wastewater effluent were present at 10.9 ppm organic fluorine."¹⁴

- 3M's Decatur plant continues to release PFOS into the Tennessee River. 15 81.
- 82. 3M also disposed of PFOS and PFOA at various dump sites in the Decatur area. Leachate from those dump sites has contaminated, and continues to contaminate, groundwater with PFOA and PFOS.
- Waste generated by the Toray and Daikin plants have further contaminated water 83. supplies with PFOA.
- 84. It was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants that PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals would enter water supplies in North Alabama. The Tennessee River and its tributaries and groundwater, which were all contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals from the release of wastewater and the dumping of PFOA and PFOS-contaminated waste, supply drinking water for many North Alabama residents.
- 85. PFOS and PFOA originating from the 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants continue to contaminate the ground and surface water that supplies drinking water for many residents in North Alabama.
- 86. Tests in recent years have shown high levels of PFOA and PFOS in North Alabama water supplies. The West Morgan-East Lawrence Water Authority, for instance, has found its water to have PFOA levels of 100 ppt and PFOS levels of 190 ppt—levels dozens of times higher than the 4.0 ppt maximum recently proposed by the EPA. Groundwater, which feeds wells and

¹³ https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX2721.pdf

¹⁴ https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1284.pdf

¹⁵ https://apnews.com/4bc3068097e34694b1bf5d48ad9a9b52

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springs, is also contaminated with PFOA and PFOS.

The EPA has sought to reduce PFOA and PFOS production.

87. In 2000, the EPA declared "that continued manufacture and use of PFOS represents

an unacceptable technology that should be eliminated to protect human health and the environment

from potentially severe long-term consequences."16

88. In 2023, the EPA, after further investigating the health effects of PFOA and PFOS

and declaring both chemicals to be likely carcinogens, proposed setting an enforceable maximum

containment level for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water at 4.0 ppt. ¹⁷

89. The EPA anticipates that implementation of a maximum containment level of 4.0

ppt will "reduce tens of thousands of PFAS-attributable illnesses or deaths." ¹⁸

Plaintiffs were injured as a result of their exposure to PFAS chemicals.

90. Plaintiffs have lived in North Alabama for years. Unbeknownst to Plaintiffs, their

drinking water contained high levels of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals that originated

from the 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants.

91. Plaintiffs ingested PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals when they consumed

contaminated water, and PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals accumulated in Plaintiffs'

bodies.

92. Plaintiffs have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

93. Plaintiffs' illnesses were caused by consumption of water containing PFOA, PFOS,

and other PFAS chemicals that originated from the 3M, Daikin, and Toray plants in Decatur.

¹⁶ https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1691.pdf

¹⁷ See 88 FR 18641.

18 https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-

04/Fact%20Sheet_PFAS_NPWDR_Final_4.4.23.pdf

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94. Plaintiffs are not claiming injury arising from or associated with aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) manufacture, use, and/or disposal.

COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE (against all Defendants, including fictitiously described Defendants)

- 95. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 96. Defendants knew or should have known that PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals can contaminate water supplies, accumulate in animals and humans, and cause diseases such as cancer. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in producing, using, handling, storing, and/or disposing of PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 97. Defendants produced, used, or handled PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals at industrial plants in Decatur.
- 98. Defendants failed to act reasonably in producing, using, or handling PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals and further failed to act reasonably in disposing of or storing PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 99. As a result of the negligence of Defendants, area water supplies were contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 100. Plaintiffs suffered injuries after consuming water contaminated with PFOS, PFOA, and/or other PFAS chemicals that originated from industrial sites in Decatur.
- 101. The contamination of water supplies with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals by Defendants caused Plaintiffs to become ill and Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result.

COUNT II – WANTONNESS (against all Defendants, including fictitiously described Defendants)

102. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.

- 103. Defendants were consciously aware that PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals can contaminate water supplies, accumulate in animals and humans, and cause diseases such as cancer. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in operating their industrial plants in Decatur and in producing, using, handling, storing, and disposing of PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 104. Defendants produced, used, or handled PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals at their industrial plants in Decatur.
- 105. Despite their awareness of the dangers that PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals present, Defendants failed to act reasonably in producing, using, or handling PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals and further failed to act reasonably in disposing of or storing PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 106. As a result of the wantonness of Defendants, area water supplies were contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals.
- 107. Plaintiffs suffered injuries after consuming water contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals that originated from industrial sites in Decatur.
- 108. The contamination of water supplies with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals by Defendants caused Plaintiffs to become ill and Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result.

COUNT III – PRIVATE NUISANCE (against all Defendants, including fictitiously described Defendants)

- 109. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 110. The acts and omissions of Defendants caused the contamination of water supplies that provide water to thousands of North Alabama residents and have therefore worked hurt, inconvenience, or damage.

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111. Plaintiffs, by developing thyroid cancer, suffered injury as a direct result of the acts and omissions of Defendants that is greater than that suffered by the general public. Plaintiffs therefore suffered special damage that is different in kind and degree from the damages suffered by the public in general.

COUNT IV – BATTERY (against all Defendants, including fictitiously described Defendants)

- 112. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 113. Defendants touched or contacted Plaintiffs through their release of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS related chemicals into the water supply Plaintiffs drank.
- The Defendants intended to touch or contact Plaintiffs through their release of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS related chemicals into the water supply Plaintiffs drank, knew their intentional acts would be substantially certain to result in such contact, or were recklessly indifferent to whether such contact would occur.
- 115. The touching or contact of Plaintiffs by the Defendants' toxic chemicals was and is harmful and offensive.
- 116. The Defendants' battery is continuing because Defendants' discharges and releases of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS related chemicals into the water supply Plaintiffs drink are continuing.
- 117. As a result of the Defendants' battery, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be damaged.

COUNT V – FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT (against 3M)

- 118. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 119. 3M knew that fluorinated chemicals produced at its Decatur plant were entering the

Tennessee River, which was a water source for many North Alabama residents. 3M further knew that PFAS chemicals are insidiously toxic, can cause disease, and are not biodegradable.

- 120. 3M had greater knowledge than Plaintiffs about the presence of PFOS and PFOA in drinking water and about the dangers posed by such contamination. In fact, Plaintiffs were largely ignorant of the dangers presented by PFOS and PFOA during years when Plaintiffs were consuming water that was contaminated with those substances.
- 121. 3M further failed to disclose hundreds of research studies it had conducted on PFOS and related substances, as it was required to do under the Toxic Substances Control Act, resulting in a \$1.5 million fine.
- 122. Plaintiffs would not have consumed water from area water supplies had Plaintiffs known that they were contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals and further known of the danger that those substances present.
- 123. Because 3M failed to disclose information about PFOS and PFOA contamination of North Alabama water supplies and further failed to disclose information about the health hazards that PFOA, PFOS, and/or other PFAS chemicals present, Plaintiffs consumed contaminated water and, as a result, suffered injury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs seek judgment against Defendants (including fictitiously described Defendants) for all available damages for the injuries that Plaintiffs have suffered, including, but not limited to medical bills, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, mental anguish, shortened life expectancy, as well as punitive damages, costs, and attorneys' fees to the

extent that such fees may be recovered under applicable law.¹⁹

PLAINTIFFS DEMAND A JURY TRIAL ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.

November 12, 2024

/s/ Christopher S. Randolph, Jr.
Christopher S. Randolph, Jr.
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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¹⁹ Plaintiffs reiterate that they are not seeking to recover through this Complaint any relief for contamination or injury related to AFFF or AFFF products.

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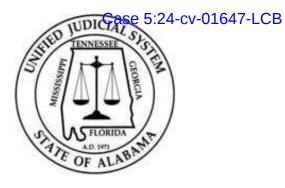
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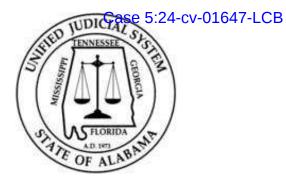
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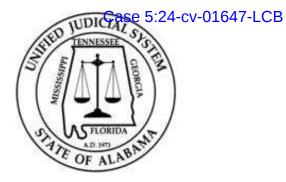
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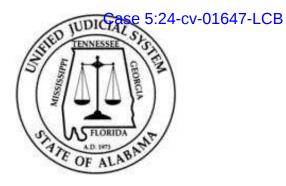
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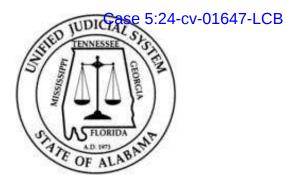
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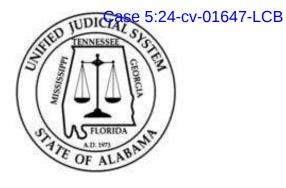
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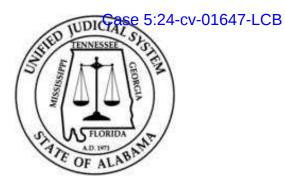
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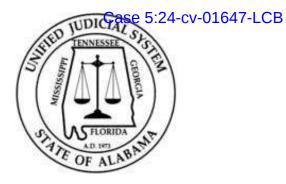
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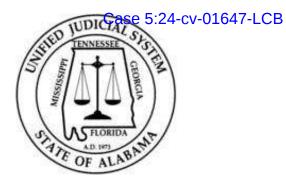
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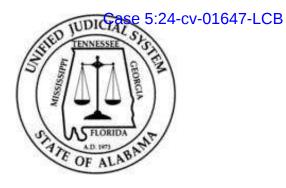
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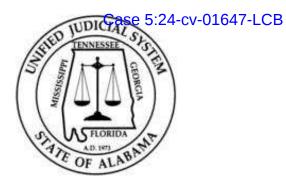
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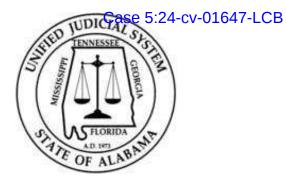
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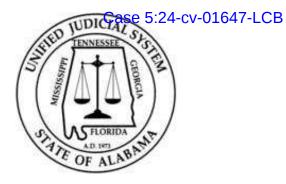
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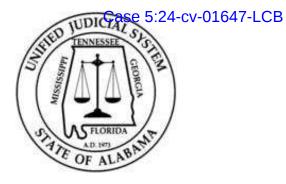
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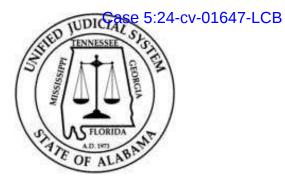
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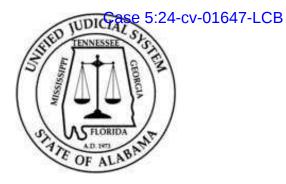
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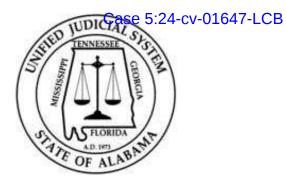
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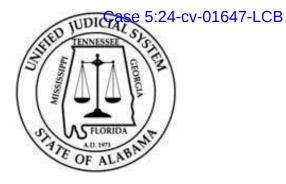
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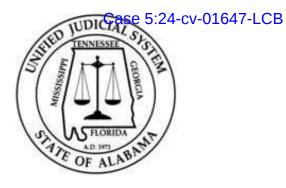
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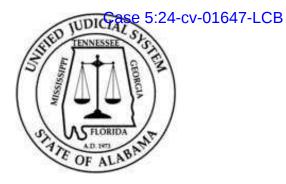
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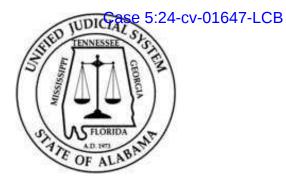
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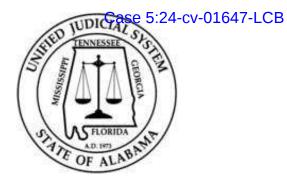
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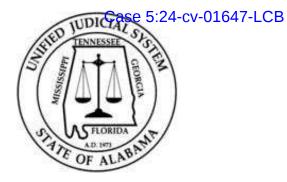
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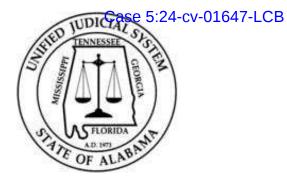
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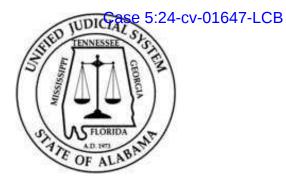
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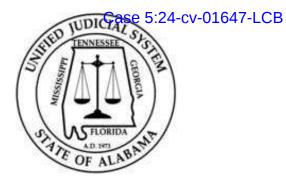
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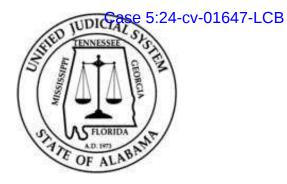
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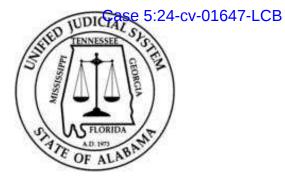
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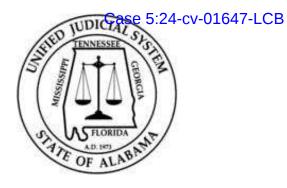
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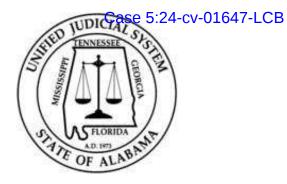
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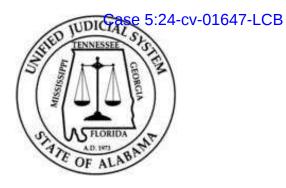
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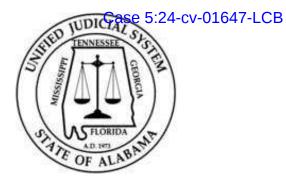
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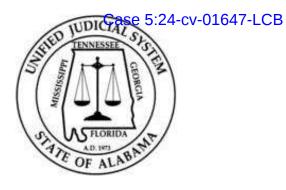
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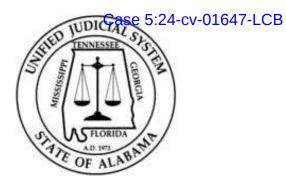
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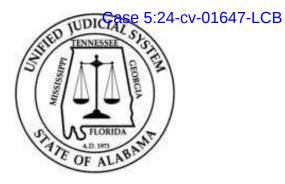
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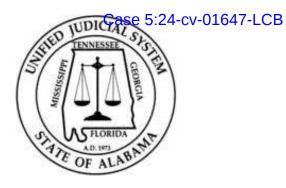
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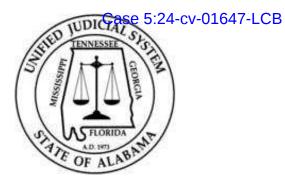
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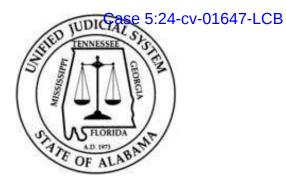
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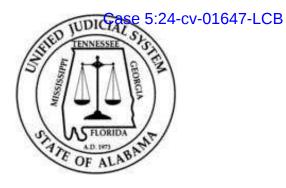
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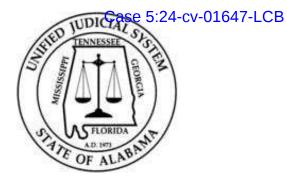
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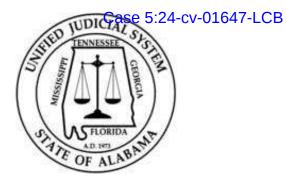
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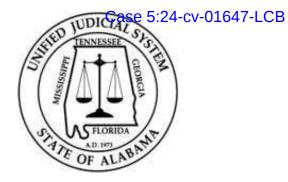
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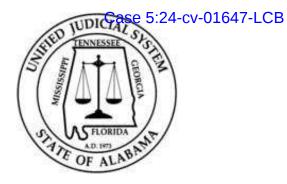
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